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SUBJECT: STATUS OF DIEGO GARCIA IN CONGRESS

1. FOR INFORMATION OF POSTS, FOLLOWING IS THE LEGISLATIVE
STANDING OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S PROPOSAL TO CONSTRUCT
EXPANDED FACILITIES AT DIEGO GARCIA.

2. FUNDING AND AUTHORIZATION FOR THE DIEGO PROPOSAL,
APPROVED BY APPROPRIATIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS COMMITTEES
IN THE HOUSE, WERE DELETED IN SENATE VERSIONS OF THE 1974
DOD SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST. BOTH BILLS
WENT TO CONFERENCE, AND THE CONFERENCE SUSTAINED THE
DELETION, BUT DID SO "WITHOUT PREJUDICE", THAT IS TO SAY,
WITHOUT CONSIDERATION OF THE MERITS OF THE DIEGO PROPOSAL.
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THE MAJORITY OPINION WHICH EMERGED WAS NOT INIMICAL TO
THE DIEGO PROPOSAL, BUT ONLY TO ITS BEING CONSIDERED IN THE
CONTEXT OF AN EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST.

3. ACCORDINGLY, DOD HAS ACTED TO SECURE INCLUSION OF FUNDS
FOR CONSTRUCTION AT DIEGO IN THE REGULAR FY 1975 DOD
BUDGET REQUEST, FOR WHICH AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATIONS
BILLS ARE PRESENTLY BEFORE THE CONGRESS.

4. IN THE MEANTIME, AS YOU MAY KNOW, THE SENATE FOREIGN
RELATIONS COMMITTEE HAS ADDED TWO AMENDMENTS TO THE STATE

DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZATION BILL REQUIRING THAT ANY AGREE-
MENT REACHED WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT CONCERNING
DIEGO GARCIA BE SUBMITTED FOR CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL.
STATE'S AUTHORIZATION HAS PASSED THE SENATE, BUT HOUSE
APPROVAL COULD BE SEVERAL WEEKS IN COMING, AND ITS
AGREEMENT TO THE SENATE RESTRICTIONS IS BY NO MEANS
CERTAIN. KISSINGER

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